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PROJECT PROFILE

Peace and Reconciliation Program: Sport & Play to Promote Peace Building

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Program facilitators receive training to implement after school program with youth

CHALLENGES

- Need for non-violent approaches to conflict mitigation.
- Overcoming cultural sensitivities to ensure the integration of female participants.
- Restrictions on movement prevent Gazans from visiting the West Bank and vice-versa.

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Project Overview

Sport & Play to Promote Peace Building is part of a larger Conflict Management and Mitigation small-grant program that brings together individuals of different ethnic, religious, and/or political backgrounds in people-to-people activities that address the root causes of tension and instability.

Goals

- Promote holistic child development, physical, and psychosocial health among children and youth, as well as equal participation of boys and girls.
- Develop the capacity of teachers and coaches (male and female) to provide sport and play activities that promote peace building, conflict mitigation and reconciliation.
- Build the capacity of children and youth to use non-violent conflict resolution techniques and reconcile differences in their communities.

Activities

The project support sports and games as an effective and innovative tool to promote conflict mitigation and reconciliation among Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza.

It also provides training to more than 400 fresh graduates, teachers and mentors to implement activities with more than 7,000 children and youth that promote holistic child development, physical and psychosocial health, youth engagement and reconciliation, peace building and conflict prevention.

Successes

- Trained five groups of teachers in the West Bank and Gaza on leadership skills as well as the promotion of holistic child development through sports and games.
- Implemented Sports and Play activities in 11 public schools, with 800 current participants in Sport and Play programs.
- Conducted six sports tournaments in football and basketball for boys and girls in the targeted schools in the West Bank.

Project Detail

Implementing Partner: Right to Play, Life of Project: 09/30/2009-09/29/2012; Total Estimated Cost: \$12,166,087.